

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) An aggregated information system comprising:
a memory device;

a server adapted to be connected to a plurality of reception devices and a plurality of remote information systems via a wide area network, whereby said plurality of remote information systems are adapted to receive original message data and response message data from said plurality of reception devices and provide said original message data and said response message data to said plurality of reception devices; and

an aggregating application connected to said memory device and said server, said aggregating application adapted to:

retrieve said original message data and said response message data from said plurality of remote information systems;

store said original message data and said response message data in said memory device;

configure said original message data and said response message data from different ones of said plurality of remote information systems to be arranged together as aggregated message and response data relating to a topic; and

provide said aggregated message and response data to said plurality of reception devices.

2. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of remote information systems further comprises at least one remote information system comprising:

a remote memory device adapted to store said original message data and said response message data, wherein said response message data corresponds to at least a portion of said original message data; and a remote server adapted to:

receive said original message data and said response message data from said plurality of reception devices via said wide area network; and

provide said original message data and said response message data stored in said remote memory device to said plurality of reception devices via said wide area network.

3. (Original) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of remote information systems further comprises at least one bulletin board.

4. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to receive additional response message data and additional original message data directly from at least one of said plurality of reception devices, and to aggregate the additional data with the original and response message data.

5. (Original) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to:

receive additional response message data from at least one of said plurality of reception devices, wherein said additional response message data corresponds to at least a portion of said original message data; and

provide said additional response message data to at least one of said plurality of remote information systems such that said at least one of said plurality of remote information systems can provide said additional response message data to at least one of said plurality of reception devices.

6. (Original) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to:

receive additional original message data from at least one of said plurality of reception devices; and

provide said additional original message data to at least one of said plurality of remote information systems such that said at least one of said plurality of remote information systems can provide said additional original message data to a requesting one of said plurality of reception devices.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The aggregated information system according to claim 5, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to add advertisement data to said additional response message data before said additional response message data is provided to said at least one of said plurality of remote information systems.

9. (Original) The aggregated information system according to claim 8, wherein said advertisement data further includes hyper-link data adapted to provide an interacting one of said plurality of reception devices with additional advertisement data.

10. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 6, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to add advertisement data to said additional original message data before said additional original message data is provided to said plurality of remote information systems.

11. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 10, wherein said advertisement data further includes hyper-link data adapted to provide interacting one of said plurality of reception devices with additional advertisement data.

12. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to add advertisement data to said original message data and said response message data before said original message data and said response message data are provided to said plurality of remote information systems.

13. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 12, wherein said advertisement data further includes hyper-link data adapted to provide interacting ones of said plurality of reception devices with additional advertisement data.

14. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to: add advertisement data to said original message data; and provide said original message data together with said advertisement data to said plurality of remote information systems.

15. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to:

add advertisement data to said response message data; and

provide said response message data together with said advertisement data to said plurality of remote information systems.

16. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application further includes a search application that uses pre-defined search criteria to locate said plurality of remote information systems containing said original message data.

17. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of remote information systems are selected by a managing user.

18. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of remote information systems are selected by at least one of said plurality of reception devices.

19. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 18, wherein said plurality of remote information systems are further selected by at least one of said plurality of reception devices nominating at least one of said plurality of remote information systems.

20. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 19, wherein said plurality of remote information systems are further selected by at least one of said plurality of reception devices voting for at least one of said plurality of remote information systems.

21. (Previously presented) A method for aggregating information from a plurality of remote information systems adapted to receive original message data and response message data from at least one reception device, said method comprising the steps of:

- identifying a plurality of remote information systems containing said original message data and said response message data;

- retrieving said original message data and said response message data from said plurality of remote information systems;

- storing said original message data and said response message data;

- configuring said original message data and said response message data from different ones of said plurality of remote information systems to be arranged together as aggregated message and response data relating to a topic; and

- providing said aggregated message and response data to a plurality of reception devices.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said plurality of remote information systems further comprises at least one bulletin board.

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, further including the step of receiving additional response message data and additional original message data directly from said reception devices, and aggregating the additional data with the original and response message data.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, further including the steps of:

receiving additional response message data from at least one of said reception devices, wherein said additional response message data corresponds to at least a portion of said original message data; and

providing said additional response message data to at least one of said plurality of remote information systems.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, further including the steps of:

receiving additional original message data from at least one of said reception devices; and

providing said additional original message data to said plurality of said remote information systems.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said step of providing said additional response message data further includes providing advertisement data to said plurality of remote information systems such that a requesting reception device receives said advertisement data along with said additional response message data.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said step of providing said additional response message data further includes providing hyper-link data to said plurality of remote information systems such that interacting ones of said reception devices receive additional advertisement data.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said step of providing said original message data and said response message data further includes providing advertisement data to said plurality of remote information systems such that requesting ones of said reception devices receive said advertisement data along with said original message data.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein said step of providing said original message data further includes providing hyper-link data to said plurality of remote information systems such that interacting reception devices receive additional advertisement data.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said step of identifying said plurality of remote information systems further includes searching said plurality of remote information systems for pre-defined search criteria.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said step of identifying said plurality of remote information systems further includes receiving address location data from a managing user, wherein said address location data corresponds to said one of said plurality of remote information systems.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said step of identifying said plurality of remote information systems further includes receiving address location data from said reception devices, wherein said address location data corresponds to said one of said plurality of remote information systems.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said step of identifying said plurality of remote information systems further includes receiving nomination data from at least one of said reception devices.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said step of identifying said plurality of remote information systems further includes receiving voting data from at least one of said reception devices.

36. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said step of retrieving said original message data further includes searching said plurality of remote information systems for topical search criteria, wherein said topical search criteria corresponds to said original message data.